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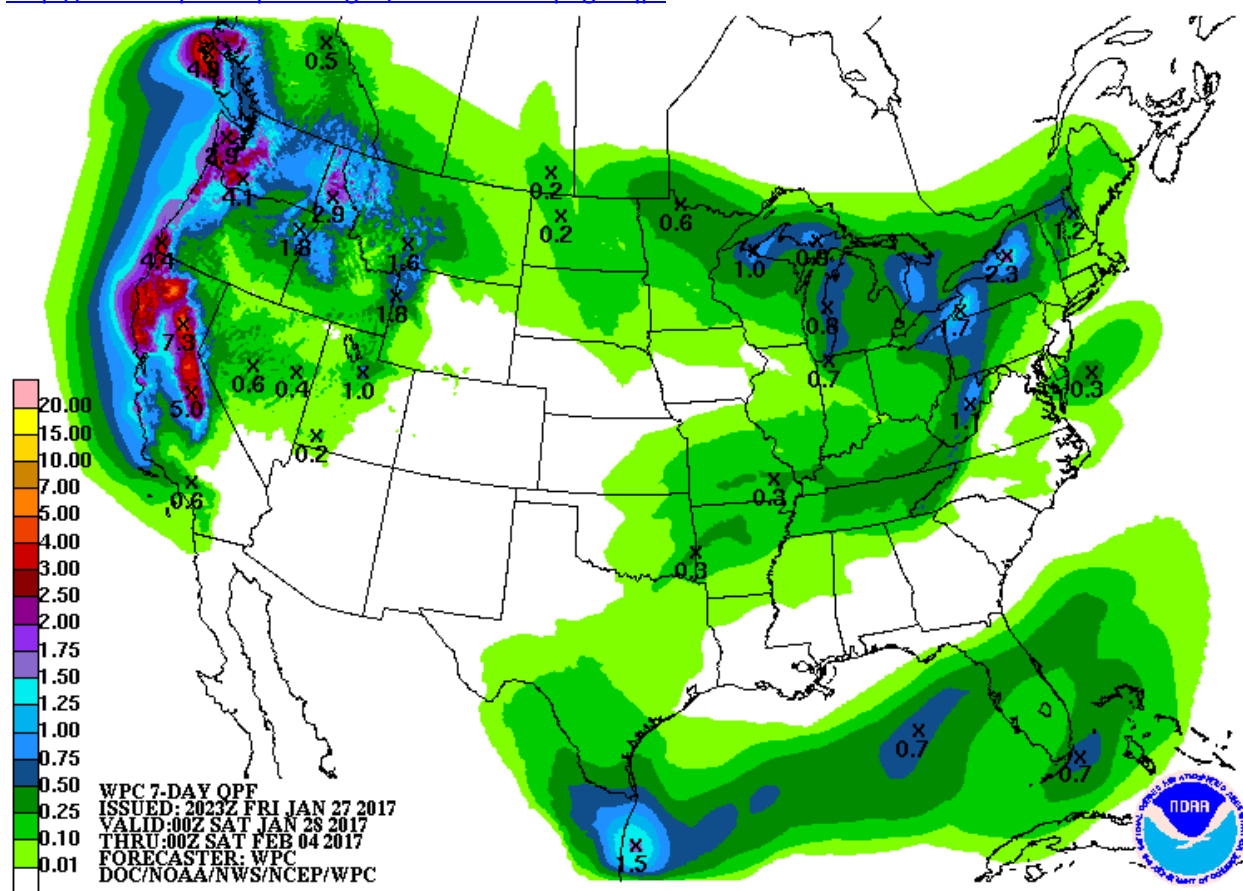
Fox River Status Update
January 27, 2017

Current Conditions

Precipitation over the last 24-48 hours in the Fox River watershed has been light. Figure 1 shows the current forecasted precipitation for the next week. It only calls for small chances of light flurries. The temperatures for the next week are forecast with highs near 30 and lows near 20.

Figure 1: Precipitation forecast for the next week

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/index.shtml#page=qpf>



System Conditions and Operations

The Fox River near New Munster, WI has been falling since Sunday the 22nd and should continue to do so. The Lakes have been cresting and are starting to fall slowly.

The gates at Stratton will stay put this weekend in order to continue to release as much water as possible out of the Lakes, but stages should not rise. We are currently near summer pool levels and need to create more storage in the Chain to mitigate spring flooding. Sometime late next week we will have to slow releases from Stratton Dam in order to minimize the chance of freeze-up ice jams in the river downstream. After that we will maintain that flow rate out of the lakes into the lower river in order to drop the lakes toward winter pool.

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